Dear FCC,
I am strongly opposed to cell phone use on airplanes for both
safety and sanity reasons. I believe that cell phone use would
significantly impair the ability of flight crews to communicate
safety instructions to passengers in the case of emergencies. The
amount of time necessary to get a cell phone user to hang up and
pay attention would be an unnecessary delay in emergency
communication. The same unnecessary delays are likely to occur
during in-flight service and other non-emergency communication.
Secondly, there are few more unpleasant scenarios in airline travel
than to be forced to sit next to someone on the phone. On
airplanes, unlike other forms of public transporation, the traveler
is extremely restricted in their movements and would not have the
option moving to avoid the cell phone user. I fear that the same
aggression that develops in road-rage would occur on flights. If
cell phones are allowed on flights, I will be flying less.
Sincerely,
Michael Manka